

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 14, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Jergeson was absent and left his proxy with Commissioner Raney.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Will Rosquist, Kate Whitney

(66) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative matters;

Commissioner Mood moved to not have the Public Service Commission support passage of HB 642, which would authorize local governing entities to become default suppliers. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which failed with a 2-2 vote. Commissioner Molnar and Commissioner Raney voted no.

Commissioner Schneider moved to broadly support renewable portfolio standards in SB 415. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner Jergeson gave his vote of aye to Commissioner Raney. Commissioner Molnar and Commissioner Mood voted no.

Commissioner Molnar moved to not take a position on Senate Resolution 17. This motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Raney moved to have the Public Service Commission support Senate Resolution 17. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed with a 3 – 2 vote. Commissioner Jergeson gave his vote of aye to Commissioner Raney. Commissioner Molnar and Commissioner Mood voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Greg Jergeson, Chairman, left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(67) In the matter of Billings Yellow Cab and City Cab, Inc., Billings, Montana, filed request for increased rates and charges in Passenger Tariff No.3- Docket No. T-05.2.RI:

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the request for increased rates and charges in Passenger Tariff No. 3. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(68) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 14, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(69) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Intergovernmental Human Services Bureau request for intervention in NorthWestern Energy Gas USB- Docket D2004.7.99 and D2004.12.192:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the late intervention. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(70) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy application for Advanced Approval of Certain Proposed Electricity Power Supply Purchase Agreements- Docket No. D2005.2.14:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Protective Order for the specific items requested on the grounds that NorthWestern has made a prima facie showing that the information is either trade secret or protectable property interest but reject any other grounds. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator- Transportation & Centralized Services Division

Al Brogan- Legal Division

Robin McHugh- Legal Division

(71) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative Matters:

Commissioner Raney moved to monitor SB 428. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson did not leave a vote on this matter.

Commissioner Raney moved to monitor SB 455. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson did not leave a vote on this matter.

Commissioner Schneider moved to oppose HB 685. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which tied 2-2. Commissioners Schneider and Raney voted yes. Commissioners Molnar and Mood voted no. Commissioner Jergeson did not leave a vote on this matter.

Commissioner Schneider moved to support the amendment language, changing “can” to “must” and the reference to regular business hours. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Jergeson did not leave a vote on this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Jergeson and Commissioner Mood were absent and did not leave any written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel - Legal Division
Kate Whitney – Utility Division
Al Brogan – Legal Division

(72) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative Matters:

Commissioner Schneider moved to support HB 618. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to oppose HB 722 as written. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 2 - 1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

Commissioner Molnar moved to take no position on SB 372. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, February 17, 2005, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Jergeson and Commissioner Mood were absent and did not leave any written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney

(73) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative Matters:

Commissioner Molnar moved to oppose HB 593. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)